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BEGIN SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S FAREWELL PRESS CONFERENCE IN NEW DELHI ON DECEMBER 15 COUPLED WITH REPORTS ON INTERVIEWS PUBLISHED IN THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST DOMINATED INDIAN MEDIA ON MONDAY. A BROADSIDE OF EDITORIALS ON THE UPCOMING DEPARTURE PROVIDED AN UPBEAT ENCORE FOR TUESDAY'S PAPERS. END SUMMARY.

1. COVERAGE OF AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S SUNDAY PRESS CONFERENCE RAN IN TANDOM IN MANY OF INDIA'S LEADING DAILIES WITH REPORTS ON FAREWELL INTERVIEWS PUBLISHED SUNDAY IN THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE WASHINGTON POST.

2. THE COUNTRY'S LEADING PAPER, THE TIMES OF INDIA, ACCORDED THE WEINRAUB INTERVIEW IN THE NEW YORK TIMES THE LEAD NEWS SPOT WITH FRONT PAGE HEADLINE "MOYNIHAN FOR MORE U.S. INTEREST IN INDIA." STORY CONTENT IN SIX MAJOR NEWSPAPERS REFLECTED THEIR HEADLINES SUCH AS: "INDO-U.S. TIES THIN (STATESMAN), "U.S. IGNORING INDIA, SAYS MOYNIHAN" (HINDUSTAN TIMES).

3. IN THE FIRST AND LAST FULL BLOWN, FORMAL PRESS CONFERENCE FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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INDIAN NEWSMEN AND U.S. AND THIRD-COUNTRY FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS

MOST PAPERS PICKED UP THE FORTHCOMING FOODGRAIN AGREEMENT AS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SUBJECT. NEWS ACCOUNTS ALSO NOTED THE AMBASSADOR'S REMARKS ON ARMS TO THE SUB-CONTINENT THAT THE U.S. WAS THE SOLE NATION WHICH SINCE 1965 HAD NOT PUMPED ARMS INTO ANY COUNTRY IN THE REGION "IN THE LARGER INTEREST OF PEACE AND STABILITY." DIEGO CARCIA, THE JOINT COMMISSION AND INDO-AMERICAN RELATIONS WERE ALSO INCLUDED IN THE INDIAN MEDIA REPORTAGE.

4. NEWSPAPERS NOTED AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S COMMENT THAT WITH THE ARRIVAL OF MR. SAXBE THE PROCESS OF "ENRICHMENT" AND "MATURE AND MORE PRODUCTIVE" RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE. THEY ALSO QUOTED HIS STATEMENT DURING THE PRESS CONFERENCE DESCRIBING HIS SUCCESSOR AS A PERSON WITH "LARGE ENTHUSIASM, CONCRETE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SUB-CONTINENT AND SUSTAINED ACQUAINTANCE WITH INDIAN LEADERS."

5. EDITORIALS WERE UNANIMOUS IN PRAISING AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN'S PLAIN-SPEAKING AND HIS SUCCESS "IN CHANGING THE ATMOSPHERE FROM SUSPICION AND DISTRUST TO MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION" (INDIAN EXPRESS). THE MOTHERLAND ASSERTED: "DR. MOYNIHAN HAS HANDSOMELY CONTRIBUTED TO THE REMOVAL OF IRRITANTS AND ENRICHMENT OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO DEMOCRACIES." THE ECONOMIC TIMES HELD HIS "BIGGEST ACHIEVEMENT" WAS THE ACCORD ON PL-480 RUPEE FUNDS. MOYNIHAN

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